

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 18

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 118, Dutra. Vandalism and graffiti.

This measure would state that the Legislature sends its support and condolences to Congregation Beth Torah, the students, faculty and administration of Washington High School, and the community of Fremont for the acts of vandalism and antiSemitic and racist graffiti on their properties. This measure would also state that the Legislature denounces these acts and resolves to combat hatred, promote unity, and assist in bringing those responsible for these crimes to justice.

WHEREAS, Members of the Jewish community have played a strong and vital role in the history and development of the Bay area, its cultural diversity, and strong sense of place and community; and

WHEREAS, The Temple Beth Torah in the City of Fremont was defaced and vandalized with antiSemitic and racist graffiti; and

WHEREAS, The graffiti was found at the synagogue first thing on Monday morning, January 31, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Similar graffiti and vandalism was found spray-painted at Washington High School in the City of Fremont four miles away from Temple Beth Torah the same morning; and

WHEREAS, An act against one house of worship is an act of violence against all houses of worship; and

WHEREAS, An act against one part of our community is an act of violence against the entire community; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon each of us to do everything possible to combat hatred and intolerance whenever and wherever it occurs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California sends support and heartfelt condolences to Congregation Beth Torah; and be it further

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California sends support to the students, faculty, and administration of Washington High School and the entire community of Fremont; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature denounces these cowardly criminal acts and resolves to do everything possible as representatives of California to combat hatred, promote unity, and assist in bringing those responsible for these heinous crimes to justice.

